

## SHELTERS

### Primary Shelter Communities

Augusta    Douglas    Dublin  
Macon    Statesboro    Tifton  
Waycross

(Shelters will be opened on an as-required basis)

- Shelter locations will be broadcast on radio and TV.
- Shelters are operated by the American Red Cross to provide safety and shelter.
- Food, water and temporary shelters are available at no cost.
- Only limited medical care will be available.
- Public shelters are basic; bring your own creature comforts.
- Do not expect a bed; be ready to set up a home away from home on the floor.



## PETS

- Make evacuation plans for your pet.
- Evacuees requiring transportation can bring dogs and cats on public busses if the animals are in owner-provided travel carriers.
- Public shelters will not accept pets; but, pet shelters are in every county that has public shelter. Shelter staff will help locate a pet shelter.



### PETS MUST HAVE

- Dogs must have proof of current vaccinations for rabies, DHLPP, Bordetella and corona.
- Cats require proof of current vaccinations for rabies, feline leukemia, and FVRCP.
- Feeding bowls & four days of food; water.
- Pet carrier, leash, & tagged collar.
- Medications

# HURRICANE EVACUATION and PUBLIC SHELTER by PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION



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## PURPOSE

In the event of a Mandatory hurricane evacuation, this guide describes the procedures for Chatham County residents with no other means of transportation, to evacuate from harms way.

- To inform residents of the importance of building their own transportation plans
- Use public transportation as a last resort.
- Provide information for those residents with no other means of evacuation and that plan to use public shelter.

## WHAT TO TAKE

No more than two hand-carry bags per person; consider:

- Spare eyeglasses, prescription medicine, special diet and baby foods.
- Diapers, blankets, pillows and sleeping bags.
- Flashlights with extra batteries, cash or travelers checks.
- Clothing, personal care items and toilet paper.
- Quiet games or toys for the children.
- Identification; to prove residency or ownership in order to gain reentry.
- No Weapons, Alcohol or Illegal Drugs

## GETTING TO THE CIVIC CENTER

Once a Mandatory Evacuation Order has been issued in anticipation of a hurricane threatening Chatham County:

- Chatham Area Transit (CAT) will continue to operate its routine bus routes but all busses will go by the Civic Center.
- Passengers, with no other means of transportation that wish to evacuate will be taken to the Civic Center as their initial destination.
- No parking will be allowed in the vicinity of the Civic Center.
- If you drive to the civic center or ride with a family member or friend, don't expect to board a bus.
- Evacuation busses are for people with no other means of transportation.



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- Evacuees will be directed to a registration area at the Civic Center.



- Evacuees will be seated by bus assignment on Board of Education busses for transport to inland shelters for the duration of the evacuation.
- The earliest busses go to the closest shelters and therefore have the shortest trips.
- The busses will be crowded. Be reasonable with what you take; no more than two hand-carry bags per person.
- School busses aren't air-conditioned, expect some discomfort.
- Several seats are left empty on each bus to accommodate stranded motorists.